

Abstract

Process for Data Distribution through a Network

5 A process for distributing through a network an electronic message associated with a list of recipients, said process comprising the iterated application of the steps of: a) extracting from said list a first sublist and a second sublist of recipients; b) identifying a recipient within said first sublist which can be addressed via said network, and c) transmitting said electronic message and said first
10 sublist to said identified recipient for onward distribution; and d) applying said steps (a) to (d) to said second sublist of recipients. The process can also comprise receiving the message and a list of recipients for onward distribution. The above described process can thus be carried out in a plurality of nodes of the network upon receipt at each node of the message and an associated first sublist generated in another of the nodes until the message has been transmitted to all recipients on the list.

15 Fig. 5